Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How many years' result have we to take? Is it for the last five years and by comparing them with those of the previous years, or for ten years?

President.—Take intervals of five years. Then, you will find it.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—A point of information, Sir. What has the Superintendent done to decrease the consumption?

President.—This is not the time for asking that question.

The improvement of the Trikkur road.

114. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) what substantial arrangement they propose to make for improving the Trikkur road inasmuch as the Diwan-President himself expressed the difficulty for travelling thereby;

(2) why the construction of the particular road work was refused to be entrusted, even if sufficient security was offered, on the understanding that it will be completed with the unspent balance allotted for it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(1) The work has already been entrusted for execution.

(2) There was no refusal to entrust the work to anybody. Tenders were invited, and the work entrusted on terms most favourable.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—My reference was not to the road under construction, but it was regarding the old road on which more than Rs. 16,000 was spent.

President.—The Government gave up the new road, as it was found that to spend money on it would be a further waste. So the Government came to this conclusion, to resort to the older road by putting it in order.

The Edavanakkad bund.

115. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state in connection with the Edavanakkad bund —,

(1) the expenses incurred during the past 3 years thereon;

(2) the land tax of the area affected by the bund;

(3) the names of prominent *pattadars* with the extent possessed by each;

(4) whether such large amount is expended on any other irrigation work affecting only such extent?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) 1099 M. E.—Nil. 1100 M. E.—Rs. 13,024—11—9.

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